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U.S. Application No. 09/768,904

Lap Wai Chow, et al.

"Integrated Circuits Protected Against Reverse Engineering..."

Our Ref: B-3894 618029-8

REMARKS:

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For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS" PROTECTED AGAINST REVERSE ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME USING AS APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE")	Re: <i>Response After Advisory Action</i>

RESPONSE AFTER ADVISORY ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Advisory Action, mailed November 24, 2003. The Advisory Action was issued by the Examiner after the Applicants filed a Response to the Final Office Action. No amendments are proposed in the present response. The Applicant is requesting expedited processing of this Response After Final as described in MPEP 714.13. The Applicants further note that the Final Office Action was mailed on September 10, 2003, so no extensions of time should be required for the consideration of this response. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

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